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The Art of the African Diaspora

October 28th – January 3rd

Opening Reception: Thursday, October 28th, 2010 / 6-8 p.m.

BROOKLYN – Z Space Gallery is proud to announce the opening of a group exhibition entitled **Art of the African Diaspora**, October 28th – January 3rd. Opening reception with the artists: Thursday, October 28th from 6-8pm. Some of the 8 artists whose works will be exhibited in this show include noted artists Stanwyck E. Cromwell, Nicole Titus and Chiweta Onianwa. The 25 works range in size from miniature to monumental and include paintings, drawings and prints using oil, acrylic, watercolor, pen & ink and photography. Another selection of works by these same artists will also be on display at the Brooklyn offices of District 45 city council member Jumaane D. Williams at 4517 Ave D.

This is the second in the gallery's *Cultures in America* series, and this exhibition turns the spotlight on artwork created by the numerous cultures in the New York area who trace their heritage to Africa, including those of the West Indies, South America, the United States and Africa itself. They use cultural scenes and symbols to evoke their heritage or to comment on their life in America.

The show will feature 6 works by Connecticut-based Guyanese artist Stanwyck E. Cromwell who is known for his abstract, kaleidoscopic use of fully saturated color and tropical motifs. This vocabulary allows him to create work he describes as both intensely personal and ethnically cultural. Nicole Titus's artwork is eclectic and reflects the vibrant colors of her homeland of Haiti. Titus paints in a variety of genres, and evolved her own style, Psych-Art (Psychology-Art,) where various forms and colors are superimposed on the human face to evoke a particular mood or feeling. Chiweta Onianwa is from the country of Ghana and paints scenes he remembers from his extensive travels throughout Africa.

This is the fourth group exhibition to be juried by Z Space co-directors Zelda Weiss, Irvin Stafford and Jack Franco. Z Space was founded as a way to give greater exposure to Brooklyn artists and bring that culture to the lives of local art lovers. The first *Cultures in America* exhibition, **Judiasm: Then and Now** was a well received group exhibition of Judaic art created by local Brooklyn artists.

The exhibition will be on display at Z Space Gallery in Zelda's Art World at 2291 Nostrand Avenue between Ave I & J, in Midwood, Brooklyn. Hours are 9am – 7pm, Monday through Thursday, 9am – 3pm, Friday and 10am-4pm, Sunday.

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A catalog for the exhibition is available on request.

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